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A Renwood Robbery,

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Marshal Porterfield yesterday afternoon arrested Henry Bowman, who, with Eddle Blake is now in the Benwood lockup on the charge of robbing Henry Thalman of \$48 Saturday night, near Boggs' Rus, while they were pretending to take him home to his boarding house. Eddle Blake doesn't bear the best kind of a reputation. He was arrested coming out of a North Henwood saloon by Officer Bond. Their hearing will likely take place to-day.

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SCHOOL SHOES This Question as it Refers to Wiley Bowers Will be

DECIDED IN CRIMINAL COURT

This Week, His Trial on the Charge of Mudering Diaryman Henry Kiel Beginning This Morning in Judge Hugas' Court-Bowers will not Talk but Exhibits not the Least Concern and Cannot Realize Itts Desperate Position.

Wheeling has furnished a remarkably small number of murder trials in the past decade. Since Maier was tried and convicted for the murder of his wife, and Louis Briesock for the murder of his wife, the local courts have not had to deal with a murderer. To-day, in the criminal court, Judge Hugus presiding, the trial of Wiley Bowers for the murder of milkman Henry Kiel, will begin, and the public is interested in the case to such an extent that it is assured the court om will be crowded daily this week, roughout which it is believed the trial Il continue. "Is Bowers guilty?" is a question that

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"Is Bowers guilty?" is a question that is being generally asked just now. In advance of the trial, of course, it is impossible to give a satisfactory answer. The bearing of the prisoner throughout his confinement, which began a little more than a month ago, is remarkable in several ways. For instance, Bowers does not seem to realize the position in which he is placed. He is as unconcerned as though he were about to answer the charge of drunkenness or something as trivial in its consequences so far as law goes. During his month's confinement he has shown not the slightest cornern as to the outcome of the trial that begins to-day, and which may result in the death penalty. He has fraternized with the other prisoners and has been fly win the county jail card playing championship. In "soven-up," "euchre" and "Pedro," he plays a hand that isn't equalled by any of the thirty or forty other prisoners in Sheriff Richards' bastile, and he has been equally as prominent in the other diversifications of the prisoners. Yesterday afternoon, when an Intelligencer man called at the county Jail, Jailor McCormick kindly had Bowers brought to the main office, where his photograph was taken. Howers had just been dressed in a new faut of black, and his unconcern was shown by the manner in which he spoke of the clothes to Jailor McCormick. Holding himself well up before the failor, Bowers showed the offical how the troweers "didn't exactly fit." Other than this trifting detail, the young man seemed to have nothing on his mind that worried him in the leact. He declined to say anything about his case, his lawyers having instructed him to remain allent regarding the crime which he was charged with committions.

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It seems inexplicable that on the eve of his trial for the taking of another's life, any man-whether he be guilty or innocept-can maintain such a demea-Innocent—can maintain such a demeanor, which can only be explained on the ground of stolldity and a complete failure to arrive at the proper appreciation of his peril. An innocent man of ordanary intellect, placed in Wiley Bowers shoes, would show signs of excitement and fear of the result of the approaching trial. Bowers certainly has not shown the least excitement or fear at any time starce he entered the county jail. If his conduct can be taken as having any bearing on his possible guilt or innocence, it would point in the direction of guilt. Desperate criminals cometimes affect extreme duliness and stolldity, and that may be the game Wiley Bowers has been playing, but this is not a likely view, for those who show Bowers are aware that he is naturally dull and stolld.

Since the preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace, at which Wiley Bowers was committed to jail to await the action of the criminal court grand Jury, his younger brother, George Bowers, upon whose testimony the older was held, has been a hoarder at the jail. The public has heard his circumstantial etory which makes his brother a cowardly assassin. His story is the rock upon which the state will stand in its effort to convict Wiley. On two or three occasions he has fold his narrative to the officers and Prosecuting Atorney Meyer, and it is considered significant that It has not varied in the least.

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GEORGE BOWERS' STORY. Recently, in company with the prose

cutor, he was taken over the ground east of the city where the murder was comof the city where the murrer was committed, and his tale has been verified by footsteps that are said to strongly incriminate Wiley Bowers and sustain the veracity of his brother. As to the effect a merviless cross-examination by Wiley Bowers' attorneys will have on the boy, that cannot be foretoid. It is said the boy feels a disincilination to tell his story in the presence of his brother, a disincilination that is natural. This may have an effect on the boy when he is called upon to testify face to face with the man who will be convicted through his testimony, if true. The state is said to have other strong evidence, but with the exception of George Bowers' it is circumstantial.

The defense will have a small army of winesses. Most of them will, it is said, give testimony that will tend to set up an albid for Wiley Bowers. In fact, this albid is the one hope of the defense. If it is not sustained and theorge Bowers' testimony is not impeached, Wiley is convicted.

Court will convene at 2:30 o'clock this mitted and his tale has been verified by

Court will convene at 9:30 o'clock this Court will convene at \$2.20 o'clock this morning and the Bowers case will be called immediately. The day will probably be spent in the steps that are preliminary toward securing a jury. Messra. Schuck and Dryden are the attorneys for Bowers, and the state's interests will be cared for by Proscoting Attoriety W. C. Meyer and Mr. Frank W. Nesbitt.

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